

Fighting Terrorism: Common Sense Solutions

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The Department of Defense announced Thursday that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and the Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office Technical Support Working Group are jointly sponsoring a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) asking for help in fighting terrorism.

The BAA, issued Oct. 23 (No. 02-Q-4655), specifically seeks help in combating terrorism, defeating difficult targets, conducting protracted operations in remote areas, and developing countermeasures to weapons of mass destruction. Its objective is to find concepts that can be developed and fielded within 12 to 18 months.

Ok guys, Since dropping food in Afghanistan, and raising money for their kids apparently ain't working, here's some ideas I can throw out there to help combat terrorism. Of course, you folks at the Pentagon, the White House and Congress might not like it, but good medicine never tastes good, anyway.

Most ideas proposed here have little to do with military operations.

1) **Close the borders.** Instead of sending military all over the place, plant them along the U.S. border to prevent the infiltration of any more 'sleeper' agents. Then select certain countries to be banned from immigrating or even visiting here for say..the next 50 years.

2) **Begin internment and deportation proceedings, and pull diplomatic passes.** Harsh you say? How many more Anthrax letters, Small pox threats, NBC warnings, and food poisoning threats will it take to get the hint? You say there are sleepers here. They've already 'profiled' themselves.

I don't think any politician will lose public support for taking steps for National Security. I say, intern them all, then say, "those who are foreign nationals should raise their hands, and they may leave" Then take those and put them on planes back to their own country. Those that remain better show a damn good reason for being here. And if you think I'm crazy, ask yourself, 'what would other countries do?'

3) **Start drilling for oil domestically.** This might require the military getting involved (re: shooting a few environmental extremists). Frankly, its time Auto makers to do their patriotic duty for their country and start making affordable cars that DON'T NEED GASOLINE TO RUN.

This might make a few folks in the Middle east upset for hurting their billion dollar sheikdoms, but what the heck. When the money is being used to teach little children to wage their own little personal Jihad against us, I'd just soon leave them all there to sell oil - to each other.

4) **Send a message to the bad guys like this:** "Next attack against the United States will result in the loss of a country's Maritime Traffic. Following attacks will cost you a city". Then be ready to back it up.

5) **Stop pissing people off.** Let's learn to be a self-supportive nation - and get out of stupid foreign entanglements.

6) **Have the FBI, CIA, FAA, DOD,** and the rest of the alphabet soup gang to figure out how all this mess happened on September 11, 2001, and provide evidence to back it up. You say you got it? Well a lot of folks don't believe it. In fact, some think the U.S. government was involved with the whole mess. Would suggest dispelling those rumors.

7) **If you have information about a credible threat** - tell us what the threat is, how to deal with it, and let us have the tools to deal with such threats.

8) **Tell the FBI** to start having open lines of communication with other agencies, and the American public.

9) **End the stupid drug war.** As we can see, there is nastier white powdered stuff to be worried about going up people's noses.

Hope that helps. All I can think of in short order (like 20 minutes). What some may call extreme, xenophobic measures, others call 'common sense'. I suspect most of these measures can be put in to place in less than 12 months (try about 14-30 days) More details can be found on a previous [Rules of Engagement article](#) written two days after the attack on the World Trade Center.

Whatever you guys do, please hurry. Right now, the way Congress is passing laws, domestic, state sponsored terrorists may soon be our most dangerous threat.

Sincerely,

J.J. Johnson - terrorism fighter.

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